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Shipping Weight and Value; Customs District and Continent

This report presents statistics on U.S. exports and imports by air in U.S. customs district by continent arrangement. Data have been compiled from Shipper's Export Declarations (Commerce Form 7525-V) and import entries during the regular processing of statistical data on foreign trade shipments. The customs districts shown in this report are those having combined exports and imports by air valued at \$2 million or more during the preceding calendar year. A complete list of customs districts and ports is presented in Schedule D, Classification of U.S. Customs Districts and Ports for U.S. Foreign Trade Statistics, January 1, 1970 edition, as amended.

Exports

These statistics represent exports of domestic and foreign merchandise combined and include government and nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from the United States to foreign countries. The statistics, therefore, include Department of Defense Military Assistance Program--Grant-Aid shipments, shipments for economic assistance under the Foreign Assistance Act, and shipments of agricultural commodities under P.L. 480 (The Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended) and related laws. Shipments to U.S. Armed Forces and diplomatic missions abroad for their own use are not included in the export statistics. U.S. trade with Puerto Rico and U.S. possessions and trade between U.S. possessions are not included in this report, but exports from Puerto Rico to foreign countries are included as a part of the U.S. export statistics. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through U.S. Customs, is excluded. (Foreign merchandise that has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently reexported is not treated as in-transit merchandise, and is included in this report.) The figures in this report exclude exports of household and personal effects, shipments by mail and parcel post, and shipments of airplanes under their own power.

For security reasons, certain commodities are designated as Special Category commodities, for which security regulations place restrictions upon the export information that may be released. The data shown in this report for individual customs districts and continents exclude exports of Special Category commodities, but overall shipping weight and value totals for Special Category commodities are shown. A list of Special Category commodities may be obtained from the Bureau of the Census.

Effective September 1970, sampling procedures have been reinstituted for estimating data on shipments valued \$251-\$499 to countries other than Canada. (Data for such shipments were fully compiled during January-August 1970, but sampling procedures were in effect for these shipments during October-December 1969 and for shipments valued \$100-\$499 prior to October 1969.) Therefore, effective September 1970, the statistics on exports of domestic and foreign merchandise to countries other than Canada reflect fully compiled data for shipments valued \$500 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued \$251-\$499, based on a 50-percent probability sample of such shipments. For exports to Canada there has been no change in compiling procedures and the statistics continue to reflect fully compiled data for shipments valued \$2,000 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued \$251-\$1,999, based on a 10-percent probability sample of such shipments. Shipping weight and value data are also estimated for shipments valued under \$251. These estimates are not included in the data shown for individual customs districts.

Since the export figures shown include estimates based on a sample of low-valued shipments, they are subject to some degree of sampling variability. The following is a rough guide to the general level of sampling variability of value totals, on a 2 chances out of 3 basis. Usually, the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors.

Value totals for "Total" and "North America" of:	Proportion of cells with sampling variability of:			
	under 2%	under 5%	under 10%	under 20%
\$1,000,000 and over	.60	.75	.85	1.00
\$500,000-\$1,000,000	.20	1.00		
\$100,000-\$500,000	.30	.45	.70	1.00
\$20,000-\$100,000		.35	.70	1.00
Cells of under \$20,000	Are likely to have sampling variability from \$3,000 to \$15,000			

Value totals for continents of South America, Europe, Asia, Australia and Oceania, and Africa of:	Are likely to have sampling variability of:
\$300,000 and over	Less than 2%
\$100,000-\$300,000	Less than 5% with over half of the totals less than 2%
\$20,000-\$100,000	Generally less than 10% with over half of the totals less than 5%
Under \$20,000	Generally \$500 to \$5,000
Cells of \$0	Generally less than \$500

The sampling variability of shipping weight figures, in percentage terms, can be approximated by the percent sampling variability of value.

Imports

These statistics represent general imports, which are a combination of imports for immediate consumption

and entries into bonded warehouses. The statistics include government as well as nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from foreign countries to the United States. However, American goods returned by the U.S. Armed Forces for their own use are excluded. U.S. trade with Puerto Rico and with U.S. possessions and trade between U.S. possessions are not included in this report, but imports into Puerto Rico from foreign countries are considered to be U.S. imports and are included. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through U.S. Customs, is not reported as imports and is excluded from the data shown in this report. (Foreign merchandise that has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently re-exported is not treated as in-transit merchandise and is included in this report.) Imports of household and personal effects, imports by mail and parcel post, and imports of airplanes under their own power are not included.

The statistics shown for individual customs districts represent fully compiled data for shipments valued \$251 and over. Data for shipments valued under \$251, reported on formal and informal entries (informal entries generally contain items valued under \$251), are estimated from a 1-percent sample. Separate shipping weight and value estimates for shipments valued under \$251 are shown. The shipping weight data are estimated from the values on the basis of constants that have been derived from an observation of the value-weight relationships in past periods.

Since the statistics showing total value of imports by all carriers include sample estimates, they are subject to sampling variability. In general, the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors. Value totals of \$500,000 and over will generally have a sampling variability of less than 3 percent; value totals of under \$500,000 will generally have a sampling variability of less than \$50,000.

Table 1. Selected Customs Districts of Lading by Continent

(Data shown represent domestic and foreign merchandise. Shipments of Special Category commodities are excluded from all district and continent data. Estimated shipments valued under \$251 are excluded from all district data and data for U.S. flag carriers)

Customs district	Shipping weight (1,000 pounds)						Value (1,000 dollars)					
	Total		North America		South America		Europe		Asia		Africa	
	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers
Total, all carriers...	94,954	(X)	31,771	(X)	22,106	11,089	8,759	3,291	14,631	6,323	1,551	2,701
U.S. flag carriers.....												
St. Albans, Vt.....	2,688		1,407		1	2,185			17	12	26	
Boston, Mass.....	280	259	260		467	1	2,518		2,494	2,498	13	20,030
Buffalo, N.Y.....	41,035	13,624	3,026	2,716	27,967	5,899	301,874	91,988	17,653	18,558	19	211,748
New York City, N.Y.....									2,813	269	2	3,900
Philadelphia, Pa.....												
Baltimore, Md.....	131		75		56		210		210	86		184
Savannah, Ga.....	146	281	22	6	145		210		210	86		184
San Francisco, Calif.....	146	281	22	6	145		210		210	86		184
New Orleans, La.....	306	84	286	20	1	(Z)	984	342	920	56	8	200
Laredo, Tex.....	183	91	166	6	11		686	377	657	4	25	
El Paso, Tex.....	87	87					566	566				
Nogales, Ariz.....	24	19	24				56	56				
Los Angeles, Calif.....	4,675	1,589	917	226	1,437		56	56	2,018	19,959	22,101	3,245
San Francisco, Calif.....	3,952	2,102	1,174	36	2,360	1,782	18,548	8,131	2,964	23,084	5,148	307
Portland, Ore.....	133	133	15		117	1	1,635	80	1,532	18		5
Sentinel, Wash.....	822	474	254	21	103	404	10,613	3,827	1,800	480	2,057	6,013
Anchorage, Alaska.....	120	99	99		7	14	511	27	27	37	57	427
Honolulu, Hawaii.....	206	140	12		(Z)	111	1,545	915	42	3	513	949
Great Falls, Mont.....	36	36					488	488				
Pembina, N. Dak.....	1	1					3	3				
Minneapolis, Minn.....	483	483	122		16	345	2,091	541		258	1,282	1
Duluth, Minn.....	49	49	10				134	124	42			92
Detroit, Mich.....	1,453	1,213	284	38	1,068	6,312	6,312	1,924	68	5,112	55	99
Chicago, Ill.....	6,933	3,429	1,713	5	4,360	695	42,673	19,763	19	24,732	5,283	107
Cleveland, Ohio.....	372	73	284	(Z)	84	1	3,516	1,706	1,795	1	1,702	4
St. Louis, Mo.....	165	3	117		117	109	1,898	1,142	23	594	1,270	11
San Juan, P.R.....	1,013	6,076	7,406	3,121	247	16	2,697	954	1,273	1,085	353	5
Houston, Tex.....	1,318	519	383	215	169	235	37,252	14,509	19,358	2,127	231	1
Washington, D.C.....	841	384	3	140	586	30	3,007	1,654	479	1,631	1,268	1,164
All other districts....	287	262	15	1	167	10	11,758	1,449	9	1,261	10,254	30
Shipments under \$251....	11,552	386	4,750	1,138	3,404	1,582	561	(NA)	47	6	234	111
Special Category.....	816						5,282	(D)	8,246	1,940	7,066	3,185

- Represents zero. D Data withheld to avoid disclosure of information for security reasons. NA Not available. X Not applicable. Z Less than 500 pounds or \$500.



Table 2. Selected Customs Districts of Unloading by Continent

(Estimated shipments valued under \$251 are excluded from all district data and data for U.S. flag carriers. Total columns include a small amount of shipments which are unidentified by continent)

Customs district	Shipping weight (1,000 pounds)						Value (1,000 dollars)											
	Total			North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	Total			North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa
	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Total, all carriers.....	111,897	(X)	49,771	3,843	3,847	24,886	16,785	788	401	478,852	(X)	213,433	30,487	13,243	292,100	128,687	3,139	11,169
U.S. flag carriers.....	(X)																	
St. Albans, Vt.....	8	4	4	4	4	5	5	1	11	1,373	7,407	38	34	47	13,431	229	5	68
Boston, Mass.....	3,515	1,836	199	8	3,212	84	2	1	1	1,543	1,291	1,200	28	28	307	8	5	68
Buffalo, N.Y.....	326	108	99	130	95	2	2	89	197	280,441	109,619	6,118	7,718	215,147	40,890	929	9,639	
New York City, N.Y.....	61,082	25,375	997	3,273	47,676	8,850	2	89	197	280,441	109,619	6,118	7,718	215,147	40,890	929	9,639	
Philadelphia, Pa.....	912	442	20	(Z)	847	43	43	(Z)	3	6,224	3,967	10	10	5,351	169	1	616	
Baltimore, Md.....	200	100	18	81	100	100	100	100	528	362	72	72	72	310	146	146	146	
Savannah, Ga.....	36	35	3	1	27	5	5	5	254	227	14	24	24	196	21	21	21	
Tampa, Fla.....	18	13	3	12	3	1	1	1	193	61	61	9	9	123	2	2	2	
New Orleans, La.....	345	77	332	1	12	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	217	54	179	11	11	24	2	2	2	
Laredo, Tex.....	207	182	205	1	1	1	1	1	409	314	384	4	4	19	2	2	2	
El Paso, Tex.....	14	10	8	(Z)	5	5	5	1	199	187	172	172	(Z)	18	10	10	10	
Nogales, Ariz.....	2	(Z)	2	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	22	3	21	21	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	
Los Angeles, Calif.....	7,110	3,098	226	70	1,104	5,564	139	8	41,866	17,863	3,371	386	386	9,745	27,494	796	74	
San Francisco, Calif.....	7,937	6,158	46	16	269	7,521	85	(Z)	43,632	32,822	617	38	38	2,118	42,057	808	1	
Portland, Ore.....	16	13	2	1	13	1	1	1	76	38	40	40	40	7	29	29	29	
Seattle, Wash.....	1,899	1,647	55	107	1,737	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	8,050	5,151	2,637	32	32	4,359	32	32	32	
Anchorage, Alaska.....	207	167	23	19	531	44	44	44	839	498	3	3	3	420	416	416	416	
Honolulu, Hawaii.....	617	239	23	19	531	44	44	44	2,873	1,101	27	27	27	572	2,131	124	124	
Great Falls, Mont.....	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	162	160	162	162	162	162	162	162	162	
Pembina, N. Dak.....	25	25	24	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	180	178	176	176	176	(Z)	4	4	4	
Minneapolis, Minn.....	253	179	8	(Z)	92	153	153	(Z)	1,314	989	253	17	17	572	469	469	469	
Duluth, Minn.....	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	
Detroit, Mich.....	1,191	1,191	429	3	862	16	16	16	4,020	3,374	1,054	57	57	2,794	113	113	113	
Chicago, Ill.....	5,490	2,439	264	5	3,888	1,010	4	49	32,301	14,517	3,728	92	92	21,959	6,318	45	560	
Cleveland, Ohio.....	184	72	34	146	4	4	4	4	966	255	327	327	327	615	25	25	25	
St. Louis, Mo.....	2	2	(Z)	1	1	1	1	1	25	20	1	1	1	15	9	9	9	
San Juan, P.R.....	2,009	470	1,286	474	244	374	374	374	3,323	654	1,735	498	498	1,081	5	5	5	
Miami, Fla.....	8,931	4,527	3,634	4,476	374	344	344	344	12,648	5,517	3,787	57	57	2,452	795	5	5	
Houston, Tex.....	307	131	132	11	127	35	35	35	2,218	237	750	57	57	1,274	101	101	101	
Washington, D.C.....	877	822	1	862	14	14	14	14	4,923	4,345	6	6	6	4,613	101	101	101	
All other districts.....	1,095	404	44	635	265	151	151	151	4,014	2,166	59	59	59	3,667	225	62	62	
Shipments under \$251.....	7,325	(NA)	995	381	3,463	2,063	276	126	8,932	(NA)	1,213	464	464	4,223	2,516	336	153	

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